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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the application of:

Inventor(s) : Hitoshi MATSUMOTO *et al.*  
Serial Number : 10/019,402  
Filed : December 28, 2001  
For : COMPOSITIONS FOR FOODS, PROCESS FOR  
PRODUCING THE SAME, AND FUNCTIONAL  
FOODS AND DRINKS CONTAINING THE SAME  
Examiner : D. A. Jagoe  
Group Art Unit : 1614

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

Honorable Commissioner  
of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

June 15, 2005

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed June 1, 2005, applicant respectfully submits that the Voluntary Amendment filed on February 10, 2005, complies with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that no correction or change to this amendment is necessary, and that the amendment to the claims set forth in the Voluntary Amendment should be entered into the application in its present format.

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment set forth a one-month period for response, making this response due on or before July 1, 2005.